HOUSE BILL 3208

By Womick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 12; Title 43 and Title 67, relative to fairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43, Chapter 21, is amended by adding a new, appropriately designated part as follows:

43-21-3___

- (a) The commissioner, after a hearing with at least thirty (30) days' notice to the public, shall have the authority to appoint a state fair advisory commission to develop criteria as to the location and operation of an annual fair known as the Tennessee state fair. The state fair advisory commission shall be composed of not more than fifteen (15) individuals nor less than eleven (11) individuals representing the department of tourist development, the department of economic and community development, the University of Tennessee agriculture extension service, and organizations involved in the production, sale and promotion of Tennessee agricultural products and commodities.

 Members of the state fair advisory commission shall serve without compensation.
- (b) The criteria developed by the state fair advisory commission shall be the basis for rules adopted by the commissioner relative to the operation of the Tennessee state fair. The rules adopted by the commissioner to implement this part shall include provisions relative to the location of the fair, qualifications and means of designating an operator of the fair, criteria for evaluating the performance of an operator, and the standards and process for terminating an operator of the fair.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.